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1. New oil wells have come into production in the oil-bearing region of Tzintea-Baicoi, in the Rumanian department of Prahova. It has thus far been impossible to learn their number or the amount of their production. It is also known that restorations have been made at fifteen other wells, hitherto regarded as exhausted. Additional drilling continues and the restoration of oil derricks continues vigorously.
2. Packing cases containing equipment for the oil industry have been arriving at Constanța from the U.S.R. They are consigned to those oil regions where the results of operations have been satisfactory. It is not known whether the equipment in these cases was really made in the USSR.
3. Oil tankers are constantly loading Rumanian oil in the Black Sea port of Constanța, which they are taking to the northern ports of the USSR. Oil loading at Constanța is, of course, commonplace, but the destination of this oil seems unusual.
4. The Resița factory in Rumania has received new equipment for speeding up production of the machinery needed for Rumanian oil extraction.
5. The Rumanian Militia continue to take more and more severe measures for control in the oil regions. These are needed to protect the precious equipment used there.

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